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1. North Vietnam

Accumulating information suggests that Hanoi is bringing North Vietnam to a state of semi-mobilization.

This still falls far short of classic military mobilization for offensive operations; we consider it defensive in nature and are therefore inclined to discount the view [redacted] that it points to an early attempt to cross the 17th parallel in force in an overt, large-scale invasion.

Hanoi itself in its propaganda output has described this as "full mobilization" south of the 20th parallel--the area of the air strikes--and "partial mobilization" farther north. [redacted]

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2. South Vietnam

The generals are still deciding how they will run the government, and Premier Quat's "caretaker" role will probably continue for a few days.

At the moment, there are signs that a supreme military council, possibly headed by present Defense Minister General Thieu, may emerge to set policy. A mixed military-civilian executive council, possibly headed by Air Force Commander Ky, would carry it out. [redacted]

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3. Dominican Republic

The country is calm but full of reports about trouble to come, either tomorrow, when both sides plan large demonstrations, or during the week.

The Imbert forces continue to chafe under restrictions on military action to wipe out the rebel enclave in Santo Domingo. There are rumors that they may be planning some sort of a foray anyway.

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4. Argentina

Federal and local police still have made no headway in their search for the perpetrators of the attack on US Consul Wanamaker in Cordoba on 7 June.

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5. Venezuela

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6. Cuba

According to the press, Che Guevara has been replaced as Castro's minister of industries. This news comes on the heels of much speculation about his three-month absence from public view.

Castro, in several recent speeches, has praised Guevara's contribution to the fight against Batista, and it seems likely that Guevara will continue to play an important role.

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7. India

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